

Command Line Format for CFAST Programs

The format of the DOS command line for running all of the CFAST programs is similar to the one used for CFAST:

cfast <input file name> [<output file name>] [<options>]

where <input file name> is the name of the file to be used as input to the program, <output file name> is an optional parameter that specifies the name of the file for the text output of the program, and <options> specifies an optional series of command line options. Input and output files for the CFAST programs are as follows:

Program	<input file name>	<output file name>
CEDIT	cfast simulation file (.DAT)	not used
CFAST	cfast simulation file (.DAT)	cfast output listing (.LST)
CPLOT	command script	not used
REPORT	cfast history file (.HI)	cfast output listing (.LST)
REPORTG	cfast simulation file (.DAT)	not used
REPORTSS	cfast history file (.HI)	cfast spreadsheet output (.CSV)

Command line options for CFAST programs are specified by a leading character specifying an option field (/ on the PC and - on unix machines – PC format is shown below) followed by one of the following:

/N	suppress program banner
/K	ignore keyboard input
/L	generate a log file detailing program operation for debugging and technical support
/P	pause on last graphics frame for CFAST and REPORTG
/G:<adapterid>	specify an alternate graphics adapter with the string <adapterid>, see below
/R:<reporting>	specify level of detail in text output for CFAST, see below specify display time (in seconds) for each frame in REPORTG

The graphics adapter id option is documented in Appendix E of the User's Guide for CFAST 1.6.

The reporting option specifies the level of detail provided in the cfast output listing for CFAST and REPORT. The option takes the format

/R:WINFSTP

where each of the letters W, I, N, F, S, T, P can be used in any combination desired should be included without intervening spaces. The information provided by each of the reporting options is as follows:

W	Wall and surface target fluxes and temperatures
I	Initial conditions and simulation specifications
N	Normal printout of compartment and fire environment
F	Vent flows
S	Layer and surface species concentrations
T	Tenability measures for each compartment
P	Temperature profiles for surface material heat conduction